

ABSTRACT

WA-I-243

19th Century

Log House

Chewsville Vicinity

private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Log House, Beck Road**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Beck Road north of Beards Church Road.

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF **Chewsville**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Douglas, K. Sheiss

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 5

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**Liber #: **594**Folio #: **141**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**Washington County Court House**

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-I-243

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED > 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the west side of Beck Road, a short distance north of Old Forge Road between Chewsville and Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. It faces south.

The building appears to be a two part house some or all of which is of log construction. The entire building, five bays in length, is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The eastern two bays are set lower than the rest of the house, allowing for a full two stories in height. The western three bays are one and a half stories high with a projecting gable in the south slope of the roof.

All windows have late 19th century style architraves with zig-zag gingerbread trim. Most have two over two pane sashes while some windows in the east section retain six over six pane sashes. Set in the projecting gable is a narrow pointed window with matching trim.

Doors are located in the second and fourth bays from the west end of the house. They are trimmed similarly to the windows. The three western bays of the front elevation are sheltered by a one story hipped roofed porch supported by square posts with scroll cut brackets.

The roof of the house is sheathed with modern asphalt shingles. Boxing under which runs a simple course of molding finishes the eaves. A prominent feature of this house is the large exterior stone chimney which rises against the east end wall. The stone portion of the chimney extends to the peak of the roof where it is capped with several courses of brick.

The house appears to be in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 8.13 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8.13 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

December 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

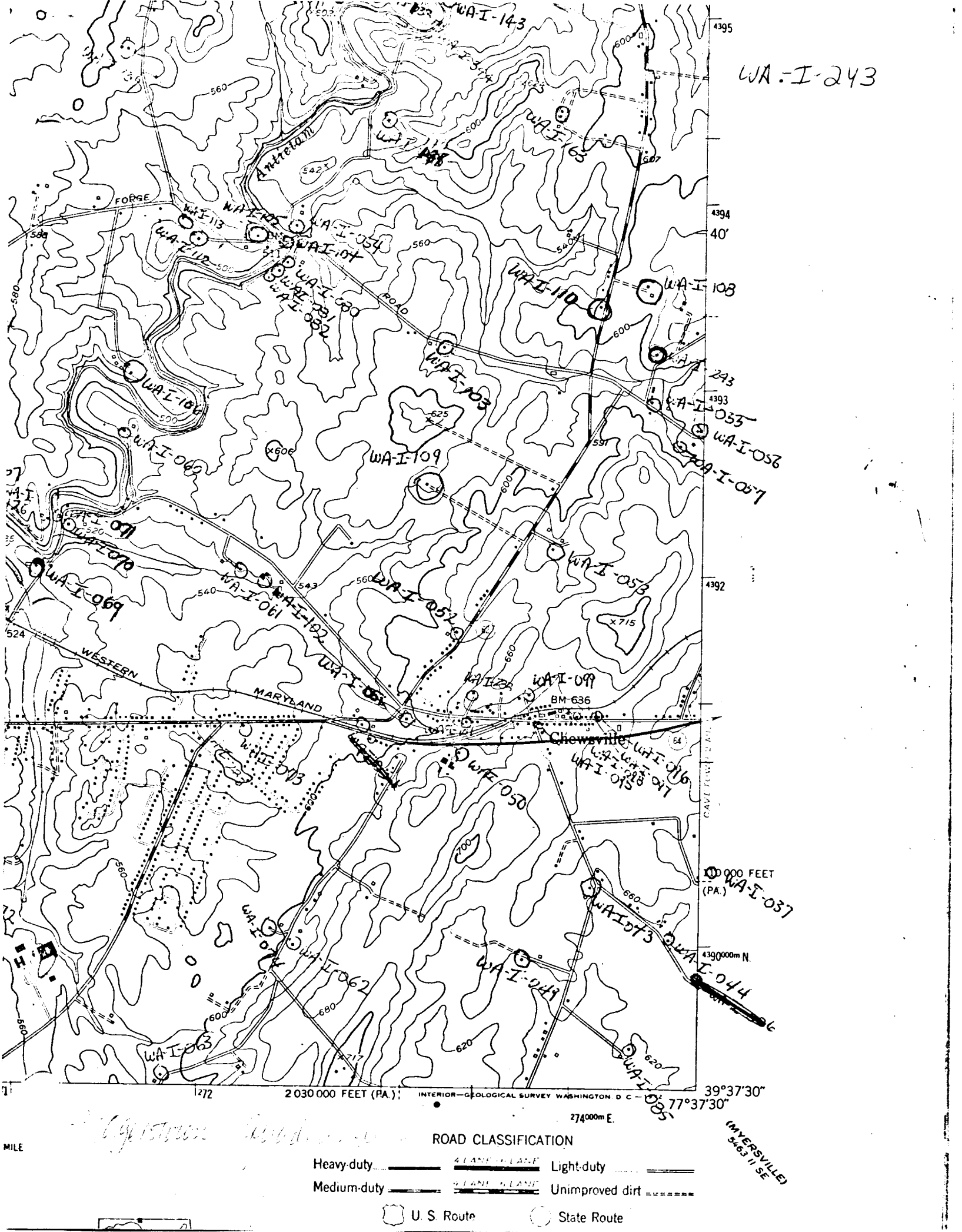
STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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